

# Soccer in the Seventies

Soccer in the seventies. That's the era we face tomorrow night on the lush green surface of Olympic Park, when the Ampol Cup gets under way with what promise to be two stirring games.

And the opening games could hardly be more attractive. They include

the State League champions — J.U.S.T. — the State League runners-up — Juventus — and the third place-getters in the same competition — Wilhelmina plus of course Polonia, who showed signs late last season of recapturing their former greatness.

Tomorrow night's program is: Juventus v Polonia (7.45 p.m.; referee, Mr. Bernard Finnegan; Linesmen, Messrs. Greenwood and Tuffield).

Footscray-J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina (9.10 p.m.; referee, Mr. David Yelland; Linesmen, Messrs. Randall and Lamb).

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Rain cannot dull players' shine

## MAKESHIFT VICS WORRY HERTHA

By Alistair Cook

With a hastily thrown-together side, Victoria held the touring Berlin League team — Hertha 03 — to a 1-1 draw at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The Germans went ahead five minutes from the interval through Kliemann, and Jimmy McKay equalised for Victoria just before time.

Both were well-taken goals, and the result was a fair reflection of the game.

Victoria had Hertha reeling in the first 15 minutes, when Jack Reilly in the home goal was not called upon to save a single shot.

But the local attack, despite being on top at this early stage, lacked the necessary zip, and seldom looked really dangerous.

### Missed chances

Victoria should have been at least one goal up before the visitors were able to come into the game at the 20-minute mark.

#### THE PLAYERS:

**VICTORIA:** Reilly, Utješnovic, Scott, Micic, Rice, Kinnell, Goodwin, J. McKay, Zoraja, Rogers, Vojtek, Bulijevic and Gorrie.

**HERTHA-BERLIN 03:** Jakubke, Englemann, Kliemann, Pletain, Hoodt, Michalzick, Awangu, Koppe, Suehnholz, Faeder, Hecker and Zacharias.

Key men in the Hertha defence were the tall, blond Kliemann at centre-half, and midfield player Pletain.

When Hertha really got going, they also proved to have some accomplished performers in attack.

Faeder at inside-left inspired his colleagues with some great passes which split the Victorian defence wide open, and three times before half-time he brought Reilly to his knees with stinging shots.

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### Opening goal

The German left-winger, now on the right side of the field, crossed into the Victorian goal area and Kliemann headed past Reilly.

Half-time:  
**VICTORIA** . . . . . 0  
**HERTHA-BERLIN 03** . . . 1  
(Kliemann)

Bulijevic replaced Goodwin for Victoria, and the Footscray-J.U.S.T. forward signalled his presence by hitting the post with a hard drive five minutes into the second half.

### Top-class soccer

Five minutes later, Bulijevic made Hertha keeper Jakubke, dive to a full stretch to concede a corner-kick.

In the 68th minute, David Gorrie replaced Billy Rogers for Victoria.

Fortunes swung from end to end, despite the heavy rain, with Victoria still having the best of it, mainly through Zoraja, who tried hard to get his line going.

Ten minutes before half-time Hertha took command. Their pressure paid off almost immediately when, following a corner, the ball spun out to Hecker.



Midway through the half Hertha turned on their best soccer, moving around in a truly professional manner.

But Victoria were by no means a spent force, and should have equalised when Zoraja sent over an inch-perfect pass to Bulijevic in the Hertha penalty area.

Bulijevic failed to take the chance and was dispossessed before he could shoot for goal.

With time running out, the unexpected equaliser came.

Alistair Scott gained possession in midfield and slotted a long ground pass through into the Hertha area.

Jim McKay was on to the pass like a flash and, with a deft flick, slipped

the ball past goalkeeper Jakubke.

Best for the visitors were Kliemann, Pletain, Faeder and Hecker, while for Victoria, Scott, Kinnell, Rice and Zoraja were the pick.

Result:

**VICTORIA** . . . . . 1

(J. McKay)

**HERTHA-BERLIN 03** . . . 1

(Kliemann)

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Mr. John Gorton

# Our game is the football with a future

By John Gorton, Chairman,  
Victorian Soccer Federation

In the State of Victoria the leading winter sport at this time is Australian Rules Football, and this position is not likely to change dramatically in the immediate future.

In the long term, however, with the world getting smaller as communications and world travel facilities continue to develop, only soccer has any future as an international sport accepted in every country of the world.

This trend is irreversible, and one day even the Press in Victoria are going to wake up to this fact.

Only soccer can offer the youth of Australia the opportunity to represent their country in a world-wide competition, and in the long-run this is going to provide the real incentive for future generations to adopt soccer as the number one sport.

This is the second year in which Soccer News is to be published as the Official Publication of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

During this coming season the newspaper will bring you up-to-date news about all the

Victorian clubs, and also items of interest from world soccer.

We also intend to increase considerably the space given to news about the activities of the junior clubs and teams in Victoria, as we recognise that it is with the lads of the junior ranks that the future of our game lies.

It is our intention to give the maximum support to the various organisations promoting the game amongst the junior clubs and the schools, as we are convinced that soccer has a great part to play in the development of the youth of this country.

In order to take our rightful place in the world soccer arena, it is essential that we develop our own stars, and we must look forward to the day when our State League teams consist completely of players who were either born in this country or who came to Australia as boys and learned their game here.

Only then will the players identify themselves with Australia, and develop the intense patriotism that is necessary to drive them into achieving international status.

Let us never again be placed

in the embarrassing situation that a protest can be lodged against an Australian victory because more than half of the team were not travelling on Australian passports, as was the case with the team that recently beat South Korea in the World Cup Elimination Series.

As the game progresses, and as the number of locally born or locally developed players in our State League teams increases, so will the interest in the game amongst Australians increase.

The migrant populations, by sponsoring State League teams with National origins, have most successfully laid the foundations of soccer in Australia.

Without the dedicated efforts of the sponsors of these clubs over many, many years, the game would be virtually nonexistent in this country.

One must, however, face the facts of the situation, and realise that the future lies with the youth of Australia, and it is the responsibility of all true soccer lovers to encourage and develop the growth of the game at the junior level.

If we fail in this, soccer will have no future. If we succeed, as we must, then it is as inevitable as the dawn that soccer will become the Number One sport, not only in Victoria, but throughout the Commonwealth of Australia.

Finally, let me appeal to you all, as true lovers of this great game of ours, to remember at all times that it is only a game and, as such, it should be enjoyed by all the people attending and playing the matches.

Too often in the past this enjoyment for all the followers of the sport has been spoilt by the unruly behavior of a small minority.

We must, of course, be enthusiastic in everything we do, including our support for our favorite team. At the same time, however, we must not allow our enthusiasm to get out of hand. We do the game immense damage by allowing violence and misconduct to become a feature of the behavior of soccer followers.

I know that the Victorian Soccer Federation can count on your continued support during the coming year, and that we can all look forward to a great season.

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LIONS  
POLONIA  
  
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7.45 p.m. and 9.10 p.m.  
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**Friday, January 9.**  
JUVENTUS v. POLONIA  
J.U.S.T. v. WILHELMINA  
**Friday, January 16**  
HAKOAH v. S. M. HELLAS  
LIONS v. CROATIA  
**Friday, January 23**  
J.U.S.T. v. HAKOAH  
JUVENTUS v. LIONS  
**Friday, January 30**  
CROATIA v. POLONIA  
WILHELMINA v. S. M. HELLAS  
**Friday, February 6**  
LIONS v. POLONIA  
J.U.S.T. v. S. M. HELLAS  
**Friday, February 13**  
CROATIA v. JUVENTUS  
WILHELMINA v. HAKOAH  
**Friday, Feb. 20**  
1st SEMI-FINAL  
Winner of Group 'A' v. Runner-up of Group 'B'  
**Friday, Feb. 27**  
2nd SEMI-FINAL  
Winner of Group 'B' v. Runner-up of Group 'A'  
**Friday, March 6**  
FINAL

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## LOOKS AT THE AMPOL CUP

## It's sure to kick off in top gear

With four such outstanding teams as Footscray JUST, Juventus, Wilhelmina and Polonia contesting the opening games tomorrow, the 1970 Ampol Cup competition is sure to start in top gear.

The first three, of course, finished one, two, three in last season's State League ladder, and Polonia ended the season on a high note of optimism for the coming year's matches.

Juventus, one of the glamor sides of 1969 with an array of newcomers unprecedented in Victoria soccer, look capable of rising to greater heights this year with more new arrivals, and, of course, the aquisition of Bobby Thompson from Wilhelmina.

Polonia, who will be without experienced campaigners goalkeeper Miroslav Litwin and centre half Josef Zurawski — both out through dispute — have their former 'keeper, Bruno Putkowski, who had a season with Juventus, back in the side.

And with such talented youngsters as Marian Sowula, George Orlinski and Henry Siwka, plus the three hard-hitting Scots — Jim Malloy, Jim Millar and Davie Closs — they look solid.

J.U.S.T., who after nearly being relegated in 1968 made such a dramatic comeback in 1969 to lift the State League championship, should show few changes. In fact only one compulsory change seems likely — a replacement for Milan Mihajlovic, who has to serve a two-match suspension imposed last year.

Jimmy Milasjevic, who has grown up with the club, seems likely to retain his place, and immaculate Frank Micic and evergreen Billy Rice will again form the backbone of their rearguard. In attack Slobadan Zoraja and Branko Bulijevic will have the usual inch-perfect crosses from veteran Tom Stankovic.

Wilhelmina, who play cup-tie soccer almost every game, are hard to assess. They have lost Bobby Thomson and gained Freaky Torque, the former Lions and Juventus winger, who has a reputation as a scoring forward.

## Top scorer plays

Several others of the old Ringwood brigade may be missing, but defence key-man Graham Bibby has decided to stay in Australia after having thoughts on returning to England.

Top State League scorer in 1969, Wim Spiekerman, should again provide the biggest headache for opposing goalkeepers with his lethal left-foot drive.

Player-coach Brian Edgeley appears to have a task ahead of him, and much will depend on Wilhelmina's early showings.

My selections: Juventus to win and J.U.S.T. to win.

## Teams selections (from):

**JUVENTUS:** Reilly, Healey, Lakey, Thompson, Kinnell, Irvine, Goodwin, Frost, Webster, Pryde, Thomson, Di Marchi.

**POLONIA:** Putkowski, Sowula, Orlinski, Czerniecki, Olinowski, Closs, Millar, E. Wrobel, Malloy, Siwka, Plaskota, Widera.

**J.U.S.T.:** Milasjevic, Utjesnovic, Rusmir, Colovic, Micic, Rice, Cirkovic, Zoraja, Bulijevic, Lukic, Stankovic, Mrazin-Kiewicz.

**WILHELMINA:** Van Egmond, Kennedy, Brouwer, Keulen, Bibby, Torque, Spiekerman, Edgeley, O'Toole, Feenstra, Steele, Atkins.



Ampol Cup fever has been with us for years. And here's the photograph thousands of Croatia supporters will recall, as Bill Voitek receives the magnificent trophy from the then Minister for Immigration, Mr. Billy Snedden, after their 1968 success.

## How they fared in 1969

## GROUP "A"

Croatia	St. Melb. Hellas	Lions	Ringwood City Wilhelmina

Friday, January 10:			
Polonia v. Pt. Melb. Slavia	Croatia v. St. Melb. Hellas		

Friday, January 17:			
Lions v. Ringwood City Wilhelmina	George Cross v. Hakosh		

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Friday, February 7:			
George Cross v. Pt. Melb. Slavia	Croatia v. Ringwood City Wilhelmina		

Friday, February 14:			
Hakosh v. Polonia	Sth. Melb. Hellas v. Lions		

GROUP "B"			
Polonia	Hakosh	George Cross	Pt. Melb. Slavia

Friday, January 10:			
Polonia v. Pt. Melb. Slavia	(0-0)		
Croatia v. St. Melb. Hellas	(1-2)		

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Lions v. Ringwood City Wilhelmina	(3-1)		
George Cross v. Hakosh	(3-0)		

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# A crucial year ahead

Not in any single year since the inception of the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1962 has State League soccer found itself in such a precarious position.

Victorian soccer, in fact, is at the crossroads.

Many State League clubs are in financial difficulties, the playing standard has seldom been lower, and in the past couple of seasons attendances have slumped to an alarming extent.

It is ironical that many of the State League clubs should enter the 1970's with such a feeling of gloom.

## Soccer a threat

Soccer in Victoria at the beginning of the 1960's looked set for a bright future. In the first couple of years after the "take-over" from the old administration, the code experienced a boom in attendances, playing standards and publicity.

In that era soccer was fast becoming a real threat to Aussie Rules, and those people at Harrison House, Flinders Street and Collins Street were alive to the challenge.

Today, the picture has changed dramatically, for although on a national team level soccer has made tremendous progress, in Victoria the game has dropped in standard to a level unthinkable a few short years ago.

The failures of the past have been stated and restated. But the logical analysis remains the same — poor administration and club-oriented thinking on State level.

The task of restoring State League soccer to its former greatness will be difficult. But not impossible.

— ALISTAIR COOK



This wild war dance by Francis Lee (centre) and Ian Bowyer signals defeat for Manchester United — at the hands of "local derby" rivals Manchester City. Lee and Bowyer were celebrating their side's third goal — and to make matters worse United's David Sadler had put it in his own net past the sprawling goalkeeper Alex Stepney. Half-back Ian Ure's expression shows his feelings for team-mate Sadler — but the goal was only one in a 4-0 defeat.

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## This will have you cornered!

The corner kick was adopted by the Football Association in England in 1872 and in the early days the kicks were usually taken by wing halves.

It was not until the late 1890's that wingers began taking corners.

In 1924 the law was altered so that a goal could be scored direct from a corner kick, following a proposal by the Scottish FA.

Confusion reigned in the first season, as some thought it was permissible for a player to dribble the ball in from the flag.

The FA decided against this and the wording of the law was altered to make the position clear.

There is thought to have been only one English League game played without a corner — a First Division match in 1931 between Newcastle United and Portsmouth.

## In hospital

Chairman of the VSF Board of Management, Mr. John Gorton, entered Mitcham Private Hospital for an operation on Monday.

Mr. Gorton expects to be out and about again in a couple of weeks.

Another shock was Jim Armstrong's switch from Hakoah to South Melbourne Hellas for an undisclosed sum.

Armstrong, who has been Hakoah's leading goalscorer, will join Ulysses Kokkinos in Hellas' attack.

Kokkinos has rejoined Hellas after returning from Greece.

# Thomson switch leads big player traffic

During the short Christmas break, player traffic has again been at its peak

The most sensational transfer was Bobby Thomson's switch to Juventus.

Thomson hit the headlines last season when he walked out on Ringwood City Wilhelmina with five matches still to play.

Wilhelmina subsequently lost its lead on the ladder and slipped to third place.

To join Juventus, Thomson was paid over \$1000 in cash. A bid by Croatia was unsuccessful.

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## Transfer rule

Tommy McColl, the Juventus forward and top scorer during Australia's World Cup bid, is eager to

join Hakoah Sydney — and Juventus is willing to release him.

But the VSF rule which states a player cannot transfer interstate for at least 12 months after representing Australia overseas, might block McColl's journey to richer pastures.

## New coach

Melbourne's other World Cup player, Billy Voitek, has changed his mind about going to Sydney, and will again wear Croatia colors.

Two men who did move to poker-maching country are Lions and Victorian forward Jimmy Rooney and Slavia striker John Butler.

Hakoah veteran Hugh Murney has accepted the job of coaching Lions and his new club is still negotiating for a transfer so Murney can also play.

Croatia will lose Duncan McKay and Bill McArthur, but it is rumored that the club is still interested in George Cross linkman Willie Armour.

## Recruits

Plionia may lose the services of Knot, Litwin and Zuratka, but has

signed goalkeeper Bruno Butkowski and will be strengthened by maturing youngsters.

Slavia is expecting a number of overseas recruits, as is Alexander and George Cross, which has already been reinforced by a number of Englishmen, including forward John Dennis.

## Big news?

Hakoah's overseas signings so far are Terence Lane, Dennis Panther, Barrie Sansom, Ron McIntosh and Sam Tarascio.

Footscray J.U.S.T. has made no changes to its squad at the time of publication, but big news is expected soon. It is known that a Yugoslavian goalkeeper and two Englishmen may arrive soon.

Milan Mihajlovic and Slobodan Adamovic have been put on the transfer list.

Wilhelmina secured Eric Tonkin in exchange for Thomson and captain Brian Edgely has taken the coaching job. Mike Plunkett is available for transfer.

# BEST AND BALL IN TROUBLE

Two of the biggest names in British soccer — George Best, of Manchester United, and Alan Ball, of Everton — are in hot water.

Best, the Northern Ireland international winger seen here in 1967 with Manchester United, is out of action for 28 days after

knocking the ball out of the referee's arms during a recent match.

Ball is expected to cop the same sentence when he fronts up to the Disciplinary Committee after having been booked three times this season.

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# ★ SOCCER SIDELINES ★

★ Duncan McKay, the former Glasgow Celtic and Scotland defender who joined Croatia in 1965, has turned down an attractive offer to join Elizabeth Soccer Club in South Australia as player-coach.

## SAYS 'NO' TO BIG S.A. OFFER

Everything was almost all cut and dried for McKay to move, including agreement between Croatia and Elizabeth on the size of the transfer fee.

Mckay, an engineer, could have made an interstate transfer in his job. But he has decided he has better prospects by remaining in Victoria, and is now on the lookout for a State League club.

Croatia, I believe, are now prepared to let him go for the reasonable figure of \$1500.

★ Hertha 03, who played in Melbourne last Saturday, should not be confused with Hertha BSC, also a German side.

Hertha 03 are a Berlin League combination, while Hertha BSC play in the top national league — the Bundesliga.

★ Billy Rogers, the youthful Melbourne forward replaced in the Vic. side after half-time, need not feel despondent.

Although Billy didn't have a copy-book debut, he has the potential to become one of the top players in Victoria.

★ Bobby McLachlan, the former Slavia, APIA, Lions and Croatia player who joined Box Hill last season, is on the lookout for a State League club now the Hillmen are back in the First Division.

★ Helmut Faeder, the Hertha 03 inside-forward who was probably the best man afield in the game against Victoria, was also the oldest player on the field. Faeder is 34.

★ Ace cameraman Uwe Kessner, who several years ago did all the pix for Soccer News, is back in Melbourne again after an 18-month stint on commercial photography all over Australia. Uwe is now with the "Age".

★ Jim McKay, the brilliant Croatia inside-forward who went back to Scotland for a short holiday trip just before Christmas, arrived back in Melbourne last Saturday morning.

Not only did he line up for Victoria against Hertha the same night, but he also scored the goal which gave the local side a draw.

★ Ian Livingstone, the Slavia full-back or winger who was player-coach for part of last season, is up for transfer and interesting a few clubs. One club who have already had a chat with Livingstone is George Cross.

★ New Juventus recruit is 21-year-old Mike Harby, a goalkeeper who has been on the books of Notts Forest.

★ Branko Sekulic, the former George Cross coach of three years ago, died in Switzerland in the latter part of 1969.

★ Two staunch officials among the juniors for many years — Albert Merrill and Andy Johnstone — both lost their seats at the recent elections of the Junior Federation.

It seems incredible that this pair should be discarded when the game, and especially the junior code, is crying out for officials who have a genuine interest.

★ Lions' most recent signing is Maurice Simmance, a wing-half who played with Erith and Belvedere in the Kent Leagues.

★ New Polonia coach Ted Bialek is making something of a comeback with the club.

Ted, a forward, played for Polonia for some time until retiring in 1957 and in the same era as the famous Bob Zablocki. Ted also played for Victoria.

★ Two former Lions players — goalie Tom Carmichael and forward Alan Hillhouse — are both transfer listed by Auburn Soccer Club in Sydney.

— ALISTAIR COOK

## SOCCER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A new weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains.

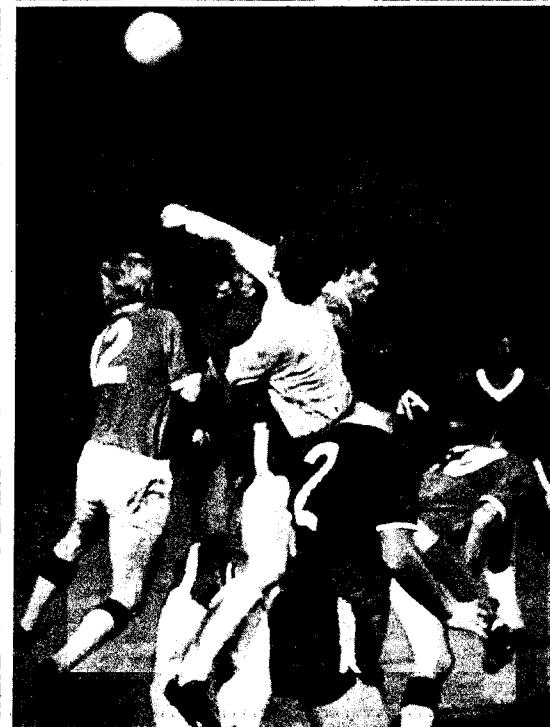
Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. And if you score seven or over, you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

1. Wilhelmina officially opened their Jubilee Park on March 31, 1962, with a State League match. Who provided the opposition? And what was the result?
2. Sir Alf Ramsay, the England manager, was a famous player at club level and an English international before he quit playing in 1955 to become manager of Ipswich Town. Name the clubs Ramsay was with as a professional.
3. Name two sets of brothers who have played for Croatia in State League soccer.
4. The immortal Hungarian national team of the 1950's was credited with the innovation of playing a deep-lying centre forward. Name the Hungarian centre of this era.
5. Willie Waddell, recently-appointed manager of Glasgow Rangers, and Willie Thornton, assistant manager of Rangers, are both famous ex-players and played many times for Scotland — together. Both went all through their long playing careers with only one senior club. Name the club.
6. Who was the leading scorer for Juventus in 1969?
7. When did Sir Stanley Rous become president of FIFA?
8. Name the Australian goal-scorers in their 3-1 win over Rhodesia in the final deciding match.
9. Name three overseas sides who toured Australia in 1967.
10. When is the ball out of play in a soccer game?

● Now turn to Page 10 to see how you fared.



## Hertha at bay!

Two more great Soccer News action shots from Saturday's international game at Olympic Park between Victoria and German visitors Hertha 03.

ABOVE: Hertha goalkeeper Kajubke and Victorian attacker Zoraja find themselves in a tangle of arms and legs as the ball flies clear.

Waiting their chance are visitors Klemann (3) and Zacharias, while Victoria's Utjesenovic (right) dashes in to challenge.

BELOW: it's Jakubke in action again, as he despairingly lunges at the ball to

half a Victoria attack. Goodwin (12) and Zoraja (behind Jakubke) challenge the goalkeeper, and Rogers (10) and Hertha defender Engelmann (2) are close at hand.

# LEADERS CRASH IN CUP

Big day for the little clubs

Oh, how are the mighty fallen! English League leaders Everton made a shock exit from the FA Cup on Saturday when they were beaten 2-1 by Second Division Sheffield United.

Other First-division clubs to crash to Second-division opponents were West Ham, who lost 1-2 to Middlesbrough, and Sunderland, humbled 0-1 by Leicester.

Cup holders Manchester City scored a narrow 1-0 win at Hull, while the only non-League side in action, South Shields, were thrashed 4-1 by Queens Park Rangers.

Colin Addison and Gil Reece were Sheffield United's heroes.

They toppled Everton with second-half goals after the League leaders had led 1-0 at half-time through an Alan Ball penalty.

League champions, Leeds United, made a heavy weather of beating Fourth Division Swansea, 2-1. They trailed 0-1 at the in, but after Swansea Captain, Mel Nurse, had been ordered off in the 60th minute, following a clash with Allan Clarke, the champions fought their way into the last 32 with goals from Johnnies Giles and Mick Jones.

London First Division sides, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea, met with mixed fortunes.

Tottenham led 2-0 against Third Division Bradford City, but in the end were lucky to clinch a 2-2 draw, while Chelsea moved smoothly into the next round with a 3-0 home win over Birmingham.

United now face a month without their star winger, George Best, the Northern Ireland international, who started a 28-day suspension on Monday.

At least one non-League side is still assured of a place in the next round.



Hillingdon's clash with Sutton was a victim of the influenza epidemic and these non-League opponents will have fought it out on Tuesday.

Two hooked

All drawn Cup games were replayed in mid-week. While English soccer

fans were absorbed by F.A. Cup action, Scottish interest was focused on these non-League opponents who will have fought it out on Tuesday.

But after 90 minutes of

desperate action, the score

was 0-0 and Celtic retained

their two-point lead

over Rangers at the top of

the First Division.

Raith Rovers, 3-0. Johnny Graham made himself Scotland's second top scorer with two goals, one coming a minute from

time.

## Postponed

Four Scottish League

and one English League

match were postponed

in this match — Ron McKinnon had his name taken for a foul on Willie Wallace, and Jim Brogan was booked for a foul on Rangers' skipper, John Greig.

Hibernian kept up with the leaders by thrashing game were postponed because of frozen pitches, making a total of 12 matches called off in the major British programs.

Seven English Cup and League games had been postponed earlier because of the influenza epidemic.

Matches postponed were:

English F. A. Cup, Third

Round: Brentwood v.

Northampton, Coventry

City v. Liverpool, Hillingdon v. Sutton United.

Frank Lampard (left), of West Ham United, clears off the line following a corner-kick. West Ham's luck was right out on Saturday, when their F.A. Cup chances were shot to pieces by Middlesbrough, who won 2-1 on their own ground.

Port Vale v. Southend United.

Scottish One: Aberdeen v. St. Johnstone, Motherwell v. Morton, Partick Thistle v. Clyde.

Division Four: Crewe Alexandra v. Chesterfield.

Division Two: Albion Rovers v. East Stirlingshire.

## CLUB CORNER

### Real Madrid

Formed in 1898 by students in Madrid. Title 'Real', meaning Royal, was bestowed on club by King Alfonso XIII in 1920.

Plays at the magnificent Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, which is named after a club president.

Winners of the European Cup six times in the era of all-time greats like Di Stefano and Puskas.

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## European results

BRITAIN

F. A. Cup — Third Round

Alasdair Blackpool 1. Aston Villa 1. Charlton Ath. 1. B'burn Rov. 0. Swindon T. 4. Bradford C. 1. Watford 2. Burnley 3. W'ham Wds. 1. Chelsea 3. Birmingham City 0. Chester 1. Bristol City 1. City 1. Forest 0. Gillingham 1. Liverpool 0. Huddersfield T. 1. Aldershot 1. Hull City 0. Manchester U. 1. Ipswich T. 0. Manchester U. 1. Leeds U. 1. Middlesbrough 0. Leicester C. 1. Sunderland 0. Mansfield Town 3. Barnsley 2. Middlesbrough 2. West Ham 1. Norwich City 1. Wrexham 2.

## U.K. Tables

ENGLISH	DIVISION THREE	DIVISION FOUR				
		W	L	D	F	A
Luton	11	7	4	2	17	32
Orient	11	10	4	3	20	32
Bradford	13	5	3	20	31	32
Rochdale	13	6	7	33	30	32
Barnsley	11	8	4	3	22	32
Torquay U.	9	11	5	27	28	32
Brighton	11	7	8	28	25	29
Doncaster	11	5	8	30	23	27
B'ham Rov.	9	9	2	34	24	27
Reading	8	6	5	20	24	26
Fulham	8	9	8	43	36	25
Manfield	10	5	5	30	26	25
Rotherham	8	9	8	34	30	25
Shrewsbury	7	11	4	27	24	24
Bury	10	6	10	45	43	24
Walsall	4	10	4	30	38	24
Halifax T.	8	7	8	31	27	21
Plymouth A.	8	5	11	28	32	21
Bolton	8	7	8	28	32	21
Tranmere R.	7	6	11	34	44	20
Southport	6	6	12	23	33	18
Gillingham	5	4	15	28	35	14
Stockport	4	5	16	15	40	12
Barrow	3	6	10	18	45	12

SCOTTISH	DIVISION ONE	SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO				
		W	L	D	F	A
Celtic	16	2	3	22	34	34
Rangers	14	4	3	44	22	32
Hibernian	13	5	3	34	21	28
Dundee U.	10	5	5	34	31	28
Dunfermline	10	4	7	27	24	24
Hearts	7	8	6	33	28	22
Dundee	9	6	7	28	26	22
Ayr United	2	12	1	31	21	21
Motherwell	5	9	5	30	26	19
Kilmarnock	7	5	8	41	39	19
Aberdeen	7	4	8	33	30	18
St. Mirren	5	6	5	27	30	17
Clayde	4	4	11	19	38	12
Raith Rovers	3	5	12	16	38	11
Airdrieonians	3	4	11	31	48	10
Partick	2	4	11	20	42	6

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# World round-up

## AMATEURS AS BAD AS PROS

Money is reckoned to be the root of all evil in professional soccer, many critics agreeing that the tough win-at-all-costs game which has developed in recent years is the result mainly of astronomical wages and bonuses.

But against this contention there are some difficult features to explain.

Not long back in Denmark, where the players are all-amateur, one player was sent off, 11 had their names taken, and two were taken to hospital with broken legs — all as a result of six first division games.

### Pro. league booms in South Africa

Cape Town City failed to win a major trophy in South African soccer last season, but its home attendance figures topped the 300,000 mark for the fourth time since the nationwide professional league was introduced eight years ago.

For its 15 league games at home the City attracted 233,588 — an average of about 15,500 per game.

Biggest home crowd of 24,619 watched the match against Hellenic. This was only slightly more than saw it play Durban Spurs in the UTC Bowl replay.

At only one home game did the crowd drop

below the 10,000 mark — against Corinthian's when 8400 turned up.

### Nameless players

Budding players with ambition to join F.C. Van Zyl in Johannesburg, South Africa, require a special qualification for acceptance — they must be named Van Zyl.

Players with other names are not acceptable.

The club, however, has no recruiting problems, as Van Zyl is as common in South Africa as Jones in Wales, or Vella in Malta.

Because so many Van Zyls have the same Christian name they're known by numbers. Most recent signing was — Van Zyl 287.

### Top club in trouble

Racing Club Buenos Aires, who in 1967 won the world club championship, has been in serious financial trouble recently.

As an economy measure

told the rest of the playing staff they would have to accept a 20 per cent cut in wages and bonuses.

If these drastic measures do not bring the desired results in balancing the club's economy the stark reality of liquidation could stare it in the face.

### Beer barrel soccer

England will have a new £82,000 sponsored soccer competition at the start of next season.

Big London brewers Watneys are putting up the cash for an unusual eight club tournament.

Of the £82,000, the Football Association and the Football League will each get £25,000.

The remaining £32,000 will be divided among the eight competing clubs, which will comprise the two highest scorers in each of the four divisions at the end of the current league season, and outside of those promoted or those who qualify for the three major European competitions.

In addition, each club is assured of a handsome rake-off from the gate proceeds.



**GREAVES MASTERMINDS TOTTENHAM WIN** — Tottenham Hotspur's peerless inside-forward Jimmy Greaves was the architect behind the moves that led to the London club's goals in their 2-0 win over West Bromwich Albion at their White Hart Lane stadium, in a mid-November English First Division football match. Here, Greaves leaps high to flick a ball goalwards. A quick spin of the head watches the outcome — a narrow miss.



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### In brief . . .

The stakes are high in Italian soccer and so are admission prices, especially for the big games. At the AC Milan-Estudiantes game in San Siro which pulled in a crowd of 60,675 the total take off including match receipts and TV fees was over \$270,000.

• Ronnie Simpson, the Glasgow Celtic goalkeeper, will be 40 next birthday. Ronnie, who started his senior career with Queens Park at the age of 14, played with Newcastle and Hibs before joining Celtic. He is a son of Jimmy Simpson, the former Glasgow Rangers centre half.

• Two famous father and son combinations in English League soccer are Bill Dodgin, senior, who is manager of Bristol Rovers, while his son Bill is manager, and Alan Ball, senior, who is manager of Halifax Town, while his more famous son Alan is the Everton and England star.

• Top Swiss club side Basle who visited Australia in 1964 have three German players in their side, although according to their F.A. rules they are only permitted to use one foreign player. Explanation: A player loses his "foreign" label once he has been five years in Switzerland.

• Jackie Charlton, the Leeds United centre half and brother of

Bobby of Manchester United, is coming up for his 17th season with the club. Jackie made his first team debut for United in April 1953.

• Biggest league crowd at a British soccer game this season was 84,000 who turned up to watch Rangers v. Celtic at Ibrox Park on September 20 last year.

Incidentally, the 1-0 win for Celtic in that match was the first time they had beaten Rangers at Ibrox since September 1957.

• Team boss of Peru's national team is Didi (real name Waldyr Pereira) who was a star inside forward in Brazil's World Cup-winning teams of 1958 and 1962. Didi, who had one season with Real Madrid in the Alfred Di Stefano era, is now 41.

• Two former top Scottish managers are now full time talent scouts for Notts Forest in Scotland. They are Bobby Ancell ex Dundee and Bob Shankley, who was also with Dundee and then Hibernian.

# The ANGUISH OF A GOALKEEPER

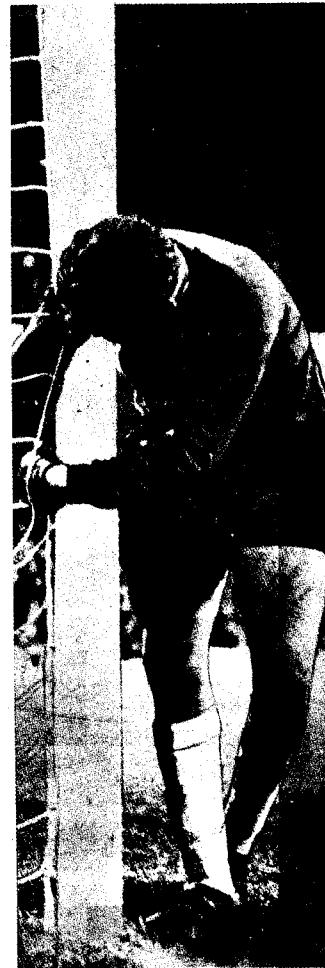
—or what happened when Gordon West of Everton got a pitch-length view of teammate Alan Ball missing a penalty-kick—in a game which ended 1-0 for Sunderland.



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It deals with every conceivable query, problem and tantrum of nations from England to Ethiopia, Brazil to Belgium, Scotland to Singapore and a hundred more, including those from Australia to Afghanistan.

And more remarkable is the huge avalanche of correspondence handled efficiently by a staff which only just reaches double figures.

Boss of the affairs is secretary Dr. Helmut Kaser, a mild mannered Swiss.

His assistant secretary, another Swiss named Rene Courte, was all set to come to this country not so far back as secretary of the AFS until health reasons kept him in his native country.

The official languages of FIFA are English,



French, German and Spanish—all vital decisions being sent out in one or other of these tongues.

There is a woman secretary for each language.

There is also a woman secretary to deal with technical problems.

These, plus two male booking clerks and an odd job man, made up at least until not so long back the staff that looks after world soccer, organises the World Cup and the Olympic Games every four years, with a two year gap between the World Cup and the Olympics.

All that, along with the problems of refereeing the game, the laws of the game, registrations, and a thousand

and one other things.

One of the most difficult tasks of FIFA is getting every country to accept that the Laws of Football are universal. So many tend to interpret as they think best.

To get referees to think along the same lines, courses are being held continually in various parts of the world all designed towards getting the soccer world to accept that the rules are for all, and not open to local interpretations.

The real power in FIFA is with the Executive Committee, where Sir Stanley Rous, formerly secretary of the Football Association in England, is president.

Committee members come from many nations, and not so long back 19 countries were

represented on the executive.

There is also a World Cup organising committee for Mexico, where the finals take place this year, a smaller World Cup bureau, referee's committee, technical development committee, medical committee, and a panel of speakers and lecturers.

Another important job for FIFA is to stop poaching of players by one country from another.

Transfers have to be approved by FIFA, which means no player can move without the authority and blessing of the World soccer authority.

Law breaking is severely dealt with.

## World round-up

## Club Corner

New weekly feature giving a brief close-up of the top clubs in world soccer.

### AC Milan

Formed in 1899 as the Milan Cricket and Football Club by a group of Englishmen and Italians—among them being Piero Pirelli, who later became president.

Renamed Milan Associazione Sportiva in 1930, and changing again to Milan Associazione Calcio in 1939.

Plays at San Siro Stadium, which it shares with Internazionale, and which is owned by the city of Milan. Winners of the European Cup in 1962-63, when they defeated Benfica 3-1 in the final.

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### Benfica

Formed in 1904 by Cosme Damiano, a dynamic young man from Lisbon who was taught to play soccer by the British. He was for some time centre forward in the team, then later held the posts of secretary, treasurer and president of the club.

Club takes its name from one of the Lisbon suburbs. Won the European Cup two years in a row—in 1960-61 and 1961-62.

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### Celtic

Together with Rangers, this Glasgow pair has monopolised Scottish soccer for many decades. Celtic was formed in 1888 by Irish Catholics from the East end of Glasgow to raise funds to provide for needy children.

Home abode is triple named—Celtic Park, Parkhead and Paradise. Latter name has been tagged to the club since their ground is directly opposite one of the city's largest cemeteries.

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### MTK Budapest

Formed in 1920 after an older club Leeds City Gymnastic and Athletic, founded by British students. Changed name successively to Hungaria, Textilesek, Bastya, Voros Lobogo (previously Red Banner) and then to MTK, again in 1956. Plays at MTK Stadium.

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### Leeds United

Formed in 1920 after an older club Leeds City (founded in 1904) was compulsorily wound up by the Football Association following allegations of irregular payments to players.

Leeds United plays at Elland Road; currently rated one of the top sides in world soccer.

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### Moscow Torpedo

Formed in 1930 as the team of the Likhatchev (formerly Stalin) car factory. Plays at the Lenin Stadium, which it shares with Spartak. Toured Australia in 1965.

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### Partizan Belgrade

Formed in 1946 as an Army sports side, succeeding the first Belgrade Sports Klub, champions in Yugoslav top soccer five times between 1930 and 1939. Plays at the Army Stadium.

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## THERE'S MORE TO THE GAME THAN LUCK

Australia has been called "The Lucky Country", but in the field of sport it has taken more than luck to build this country's international reputation.

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1962 — Saw Ampol's flag on blue water as a joint sponsor of "Gretel", Australia's first challenge for the coveted America's Cup.

1964 — Another prestige event for Australia — the first World Surfboard Titles, sponsored by Ampol at Manly.

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1967 — Rough riders from countries such as the United States, Canada and New Zealand competed in the first World Rodeo Championship series which ended at Myrtleford, Victoria.

Last year saw the running at the City Club, Sydney, of the Ampol Master of Champions Bowls Tournament in which some 40 bowlers took part.

## Highlight

A highlight of the bi-centenary celebrations in 1970 will be the Ampol Car Trial, to start from each State capital, rally at Alice Springs and finish in Sydney.

The last Ampol Trial, in 1964, attracted overseas entries and much interest. The trial will be a genuine test for standard vehicles.

These are just highlights in a fast-running field of events sponsored by Ampol.

As an Australian company in an industry predominated by overseas companies, Ampol sees good business in identifying so strongly with Australian sport which, of course, is all to the good of sport in general.

## Discretion is the better part . . .



# World Cup zone final pointed way

With the close of the Sixties, it is time to ask "Has the last decade seen any progress in Australian soccer?"

The critics, the experts have all had their say about falling attendances, poor administration, bad refereeing — in fact, every facet of the game has had its share of knockers.

Nevertheless, the end of the decade saw a historic event — Australia versus Israel, at the Sydney Sports Ground, in World Cup zone final.

Those of us privileged to see this match could not help feeling proud to see an Australian team, having battled its way around the world, finally taking the field before a full house.

The typical crowd probably had representatives from almost every country, but the barracking came for their native or adopted country.

The result is now history and, although disappointing, we need have no doubts that our game has come-of-age.

The question to ask as we move into the 'Seventies' is: "Can our administrators capitalise on the efforts put forth by our players in the national squad?"

I believe the answer is "yes," and we will see even greater strides taken in the coming decade.

### Forget

### "has-beens"

The lesson is there for all to learn.

We are past the stage where we need to spend big money importing "has-beens" from other countries.

Coaches, yes, we need them, but the talent is here under our noses to be developed.

It is our job to seek out the Billy Vojtek's and Attila Abonyi's, as their talents are the future of the game in Australia.

We can no longer afford to ride the crest of the migrant wave. The game must develop its own Australian flavor.

grading of standards is

By George Pedler,  
President, Australian  
Soccer  
Referees' Federation

The challenge of the 'Seventies' is now here. Whether we accept or sink into oblivion is up to us.

Nothing comes easy, but I am sure that the next 10 years will prove even more exciting than the last.

By continuing to build a strong foundation at Junior level, we will assure ourselves of a bright future in world soccer.

Club officials must be prepared to take a long-range view, and work not only for their club but also for the game.

We cannot expect publicity to come to us — clubs must flood the news media with information.

The parochial attitudes and small thinking of some officials should no longer be tolerated. It is time our more responsible administrators weeded out these people who have restricted the progress of the game.

### Referees must work harder

Referees, for their part, must also be prepared to make greater efforts.

It is not sufficient to give 1½ hours a week.

We now demand much more, such as constant training, time spent studying the laws and passing examinations.

In short, to achieve success in refereeing we must be prepared to devote time and effort similar to a champion at any sport.

The 'Sixties has seen the birth of a national referees' organisation, properly affiliated to the Australian Soccer Federation, and a constant stream of recommendations and advice is now flowing to the various state divisions to ensure uniformity of interpretation, and a steady up-

That for long has been a problem for the rulers of the game. In the latter stages of 1969 a course was held for international refs in Florence, Italy — aimed at furthering the cause of uniformity.

An important item on the agenda was consideration of the rule concerning the impeding of goalkeepers — one that has caused so much confusion in the past.

A recent refereeing bulletin laid it out like this:

"A player who intentionally stretches his arms to obstruct a goalkeeper and who steps from one side to the other moving his arms up and down to delay the goalkeeper but does not make bodily contact with him shall be cautioned for ungentlemanly conduct. An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team."

All clear — ?

No, it's not a cannonball — though these Victorian players might well be forgiven for thinking so as the ball flashes from the boot of Hertha's Fader from a free-kick on Saturday night. Victoria's defensive "wall" is (left to right) Buljovic, Scott, Micic and Rice.

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London, will be raised by appeal.

The scheme will take three years to compete in two stages.

The first stage includes the construction of residential accommodation with five houses and two all-weather pitches.

The second is for an indoor stadium large enough to take a full-size pitch.

## Answers to soccer quiz

Answers to the Soccer Quiz on Page 6 are:

1—Wilhelmina 2, Sth. M. Hellas 1.

2—Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur.

3—Peter Basic, Bosco Basic, Billy Vojtek and Jimmy Vojtek.

4—Nandor Hidegkuti.

5—Glasgow Rangers.

6—Dino Di Marchi.

7—1961.

8—Rutherford, Tigre (own goal) and Warren United.

9—Sparta Prague, Scotland, Manchester United.

10—(a) When it has wholly crossed the goal-line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air.

(b) When the game has been stopped by the referee.

## World Round-Up

### All clear?

How to get uniform interpretation and control by referees all over the world.

That for long has been a problem for the rulers of the game. In the latter stages of 1969 a course was held for international refs in Florence, Italy — aimed at furthering the cause of uniformity.

But it has taken Jimmy Cumbers, the West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper, has joined the ranks of the very few in England who have doubled in first-class soccer and first-class cricket.

For some years now he has been a County player in cricket, and in 1968 moved south from his native Manchester, after playing with Lancashire, to join Surrey.

In soccer he turned professional with Runcorn United at the age of 19, soon after transferred to Tranmere Rovers, with whom he played until the start of this season, when he moved to West Bromwich Albion.

While with Tranmere Rovers Jimmy played many times with George Yardley, former St. George Budapest centre forward.

### England

### Showpiece

The English Football Association will donate \$214,300 of their 1966 World Cup profits towards a \$2,143,000 national soccer centre which is planned.

The rest of the cash

for the centre, which

will be sited in East

Taffy looks at the

# POOLS

What a nice way to start the New Year. Some lucky punters will strike a huge jackpot if they have 24 points in one line.

There were only eight score draws and three scoreless draws out of 55 matches on the lists last Saturday.

Minor prizes in the Treble Chance will not be high because of the 11 postponed games. The balance of the coupons was made up of 10 Away and 23 Home winners.

Dividends in the Four Aways and the Eight and Nine Results pools should be again higher than usual.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, December 27, when there were nine draws.

(Although there were nine draws, out of all the millions of entries there was not one with eight in a line).

## Vernon

Treble Chance: 23 points, £1461/8/- for farthing, 22 points, £28/18/-; 21 points, 9/-.

## Coaching class for junior squads

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The class will be held at Olympic Park No. 2 oval between 10 a.m. and noon.

Club secretaries have been asked to ensure that any junior members of their clubs who were in any of these squads attend this session.

Clubs have also been asked to send representatives, especially senior and junior coaches, to two coaching sessions which Mr. Cramer will hold at Olympic Park No. 2 oval on Sunday, January 18 — the first between 10 a.m. and noon, and the second from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Twelve Match Results  
Pool (One postponed): 11 correct, £107 for 2d; 10 correct — £21; nine correct 6/-.  
Three draws — 16/-.  
Eight results (paid on seven correct) 5276/-.  
Four away — 200/-.  
Simple Six — 396/-.

## Littlewoods

Treble Chance: 23 points, £2,396/14/- for 14; 22 points — £21/10/-; 21 points — £1/8/-; 20 points 6/-.

Twelve Match Results  
Pool (two postponed): 10 correct — £123/6/- for 2d; nine correct — 23/8/-; 8 correct — 4/-.

Three draws — 16/-.  
Nine results — 364/-.  
Four away — 240/-.

## Eight and Nine Results

And now for next Saturday week, January 17 we will concentrate and make the Eight and Nine Results pools our state-saving pools by picking home teams, remembering that ground advantage always counts, at least in my book, a goal start.

So here are my selections, with the best home winners.

Derby County.  
Leeds United.  
Liverpool.  
Aston Villa.  
Blackburn Rovers.  
Carlisle United.  
Charlton Athletic.  
Sheffield United.  
Barnsley.  
Luton Town.  
Rotherham United.  
Port Vale.  
Swansea Town.  
Dunfermline.  
Rangers.

## Four Aways

• Everton.  
• Huddersfield Town.  
• Bradford City.  
• Chester.  
• Chesterfield.  
• Dundee United.

## Three Draws

Sunderland v Tottenham.  
Blackpool v Middlesbrough.  
Rochdale v Bristol Rovers.

Now for the big money with those hard to find draws, I select the following:

## Treble Chance

• Arsenal v Chelsea.  
• Sunderland v Tottenham.  
Westham United v Manchester United.  
• Blackpool v Middlesbrough.  
Queens Park Rangers v Cardiff City.  
• Rochdale v Bristol Rovers.  
• Torquay United v Leyton Orient.  
Tranmere Rovers v Walsall.

• Bradford v Southend.  
Hartlepool v Peterborough.

• Notts County v Aldershot.  
Wrexham v Brentford.  
• Hibernian v Celtic.  
Morton v Aberdeen.  
• indicates best selections.

Hoping my selections will give you a good start to celebrate the New Year, and also our new Soccer News.

Till next week, Good Luck,

Taffy

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## FREE ADMISSION

Lady soccer supporters this season have the chance to see the state's top eight sides battle it out for the \$2000 prizemoney under the Olympic Park's floodlights absolutely free!

The Ampol Cup night series is traditionally a family outing. And this season the organisers, the Victorian Soccer Federation, are introducing a new factor which will please Mum — and Dad's pocket. All ladies with male escort will be admitted free to the Ampol Cup series of matches.

Children have always been admitted free, so now the family man will be able to see two first-class games each Friday for the next few weeks, for only 80c.

## THREE DISTRICTS

## PROPOSAL SHOULD HELP JUNIORS

Decentralisation, with district sub-committees and competitions, have been recommended as the best way of successfully promoting soccer among juniors.

Junior club delegates decided this at the general meeting held on December 19.

Only half of the eligible clubs were represented at the meeting, which had already been postponed twice.

All delegates present were, however, unanimous in the view that last season had not been good for the juniors from an administration point of view, and that a change was necessary.

A six-man board was elected to implement the proposal to decentralise junior administration.

It can be expected that next season there will be three district sub-committees — north of the Yarra, south of the Yarra, and Peninsula.

## Progressive

The Mornington Peninsula is the most progressive

## Send him the news

The 1969 Junior soccer season was a very lengthy one, and because Soccer News was not published after the end of 'home and away' games, many soccer followers did not learn how junior clubs finished in their competitions.

With the co-operation of club secretaries, Soccer News will cover last season's end of the year events, with short stories on the most successful clubs, in the period before the 1970 season gets under way.

All information, including pictures, which will be most welcome, should be posted to:

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## U.14 Junior Cup winners



South Melbourne Hellas won the Under 14 1969 Junior Cup Final by defeating Altona 3-2. In the picture are, from left, back row: Mr. B. Curran (coach), J. Hatzinikolas, T. Repanis, C. Stavrou, M. Tsivoglou, M. Andreotti, G. Batticciotta, J. Murray (manager). Front row: G. Stavrou, P. Murray, P. Aurdamis, A. Bozikas, C. King, M. Ristic.

Not in photo: L. McLeod, K. McLeod, G. Hollis, T. Spanos, P. Sloan.

Hellas also won the Under 14 Central premiership, after a hard battle with Croatia and J.U.S.T. Juniors. They withdrew from the Super League Under 14, which was won by Sunshine City.

Other results of Junior Cup finals, which were played at Jubilee Park, were: Under 10 — Wilhelmina 3 d. Karingal 1; Under 12 — Melbourne 1 d. Sunshine City 0; Under 16 — Wilhelmina 5 d. Corio 0; Under 18 — J.U.S.T. d. Alexandra.

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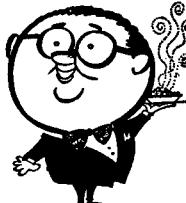
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Victorians Billy Rice (No. 4) and George Kinnell (No. 3) dash in for the ball in this incident from last Saturday night's game, against Hertha 03 at Olympic Park.

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# What's Bill up to?

On arrival in Kings Cross, London, ran into Bill Curran, sporting Hellas blazer. Said he was going to Scotland for Hogmanay.

Could there be some new English and Scottish players at Middle Park this season?

Bill wasn't saying, but he had a gleam in his eye.

Spoke with SIR STANLEY ROUS before leaving London for Yorkshire. He was enthusiastic about Australia's spectacular World Cup bid.

Full report of the interview will appear in Soccer News next week.

Visited Valley Parade on Boxing Day to see my old team, Bradford City defeat Halifax Town 2-1, and move into third place on Division Three ladder.

Spoke with Sydney goalkeeper JOHN ROBERTS, who, until a recent cartilage operation, was first choice for City.

He is very happy here and not likely to return to Australia for several years.

Watched Leeds United defeat Everton 2-1 in match of the season, at Elland Road on Saturday, December 27.

Very high standard of Soccer kept the all ticket, capacity crowd in a fever of excitement.

From  
George Yelland  
in England

FA Cup Tie between Bradford City and Tottenham Hotspur on January 3, has the city in a fever of anticipation. By the time you read this the result will be known.

I will have been there, and hope to send a brief impression of the game.

Treacherous road conditions, with black ice making walking or driving hazardous occupations, seems a far cry from Melbourne's summer. Now I know why I like Australia.

(Wonder if George would still like Australia so much if he had been in Melbourne for the New Year deluge — Editor).

Melbourne dailies created the impression that Aussie Rules was making itself felt in England.

I have raised the subject in London and the North of England.

So far I have not found anyone who has a clue as to what I am talking about.

International! I ask you.

# Czech stars will test our top club standards

## The all-time great Yashin is coming!

Lev Yashin, whose height, astonishing acrobatics and phenomenal reactions have made him the greatest post-war goal-keeper, and possibly the greatest of all time, is coming to Melbourne with Moscow Dynamo.

The visiting Russian team will play an Australian eleven at Olympic Park on Sunday, March 8.

Yashin, an electrical fitter, was spotted by "Tiger" Komich in 1949, and succeeded him in the Dynamo goal in 1953, winning five championship medals.

He was chosen European Footballer of the Year in 1963—at the age of 34—when he conceded only six goals in 33 league matches.

Yashin was one of the first successful goalkeepers of the modern era, extending his influence to the extreme reaches of the penalty-area.

He has saved more than 100 penalties during his career, which has earned him 70 Russian caps.

### Octogenarian

Clement Charnock, a director of the Vicou Morosov textile firm at Orekhovo, an industrial town near Moscow, formed the club now known as Moscow Dynamo, in 1887.

He bought playing kit from England, but could not afford boots, so had studs fitted on the players' shoes.

Clement's brother, Harry

Hot on the heels of Berlin champions Hertha 03 comes another in what could be a long list of top-class visitors — Czechoslovakian stars Inter-Bratislava.

The Czech combination will take on State League runners-up Juventus at Olympic Park on Friday, January 23 in what should be a first-class game.

The game has been arranged by Juventus officials, and has meant months of work behind the scenes. It will be part of Inter-Bratislava's annual world tour.

Each year about this time, in the middle of the Czech soccer season, the side takes a rest from league soccer and takes on teams from all over the world.

At present, Inter's well-known flowing brand of soccer has taken them to second place in the Czech First Division — and they will be a side to beat.

The game will prove a useful pointer — after all the talk and enthusiasm of the World Cup run — of

just how Australia's top club teams compare with those of Europe.

No fewer than nine of the Inter side have represented Czechoslovakia in either World Cup or Olympic tournaments, and the biggest name in the side is that of skipper Titus Bubernik.

A veteran player, he was a member of the 1958 and 1962 Czech World Cup sides, and starred in 1962, when Czechoslovakia was beaten only in the final by Brazil.

Milan Ruca, an international full-back, and Mikulas Krnac, a forward, will make sure the Juventus stars know they have been in a hard-fought game.

The side contains four members of the Czech side to contest the World Cup finals in Mexico later this year, and have a recent 1-0 victory over European Cup winners' Cup holders Slovan Bratislava under their belts.

Other tour victories have been over Ujpest (Hungary), 4-0, Racing Paris 4-2, Vienna 3-1, Torino (Italy) 4-2, Moscow Dynamo 2-1 and the Chilean national side 4-0.

Inter will travel to Melbourne from Sydney, where they will play two games, and then fly out to Hong Kong and America.

The opening game in Sydney will hold some interest for Melbourne soccer fans, for Inter will play Prague at Sydney Athletic Field on January 21.

And playing their first game for Prague since transferring from Victoria will be Jim Rooney, the former Lions' midfield player who cost the Sydney club \$6000, and John Butler, the 20-year-old striking forward from Slavia.

Inter go on to play NSW on January 23 — in the heart of Rugby league territory.

The NSW Soccer Federation has booked Belmont Oval — home of Canterbury — Bankstown RL — for the night match.

## At the German Consulate



Hertha 03 players and officials enjoyed a social gathering with their Australian counterparts at the German Consulate during the Berlin team's Melbourne visit. Above, Hertha players W. Suenloz, H. Faeder and U. Kliemann are seen with local players M. Keuhn (Richmond captain) and P. Reinold (Elwood Austria). Also in the picture is Richmond secretary Mr. E. Mattert.

Left: Hertha president Otto Hoehna honors local businessman Otto Bedbur, who was one of Hertha's sponsors. Mrs. Bedbur and Richmond player G. Weiland look on.

## SCOTS FANS KEEP TEMPERS

The traditional New Year match between Celtic and Rangers, ended up in a no-scoring draw at Celtic's home ground — Parkhead — last Saturday.

Although one player from each side was booked during the game, the usual

terrace rowdies gave the police a break and things were generally quiet off-field.

Celtic still lead Rangers by two points in the race for the league title, with Hibernian from Edinburgh in third place.

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